

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON EARLY INTERVENTION

GENERAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 25, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymond M. Peterson, M.D., Chair; Jim Bellotti, representing CDE; Arleen Downing, M.D.; Ed Foulk, R.N., Ed.D., representing DMHC; Hedy Hansen; Gretchen Hester; Rick Ingraham, representing DDS; Cynthia Jaynes, representing ADP; Thomas McCool, Ed.D.; Beverley Morgan-Sandoz; Hallie Morrow, M.D., representing DHS; Marie Kanne Poulsen, Ph.D.; Cheryl Treadwell, representing CDSS; and Luis Zanartu, representing DMH.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Elaine Fogel Schneider; Theresa Rossini

OTHERS PRESENT:

See Attachment A.

RECORDERS:

Cheri Schoenborn
Sharon Rea Zone

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Peterson called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. ICC members and the audience provided self-introductions.

First time meeting attendees Tricia Chambers from the California Speech-Language Hearing Association, Ed Foulk from the Department of Managed Health Care, Jahn Rokicki from Harbor Regional Center, and Debra Merchant from First 5 California, attended the Newcomer's meeting and were welcomed to the ICC General Meeting.

It was announced that Linda Landry was awarded the ICC's first annual Parent Award. Dr. Peterson congratulated Ms. Landry and directed everyone to the meeting packets to review information about Ms. Landry's numerous accomplishments. Ms. Landry was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

Dr. Peterson announced that Hedy Hansen agreed to lead an ad hoc committee to develop criteria and selection procedures for future ICC Parent Award nominees. The Public awareness Committee members will assist with this task. Anyone interested in participating on the ad hoc committee was encouraged to contact Ms. Hansen.

AGENDA REVIEW:

The agenda was reviewed and no changes were recommended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes summarizing the November 19, 2004 meeting were approved as written.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Executive Committee Chair, Hedy Hansen, reported on the Executive Committee's meeting held on Thursday. At the meeting, it was agreed that an interim meeting would be held in June to allow representatives from each of the four committees to discuss their committee's recommendations. The purpose of the discussion is to identify where the recommendations "cross paths" and to ensure that there is an understanding of the context and meaning behind each recommendation. The Executive Committee made plans to hold a conference call to plan and discuss logistics for the interim Executive Committee meeting.

The Executive Committee discussed topic ideas for presentations for each of the remaining meetings in 2005. The May meeting will include a presentation from the Family Resource Center Network of California (FRCNCA). Debbie Sarmento is coordinating this presentation that will address their activities and strategic plan. Topic recommendations for other meetings include Kathy Hebbeler and Donna Spiker presenting on the National Early Intervention Longitudinal Study and the USC Dental School on young children's dental health. Staff will check into the availability of these presenters.

Ms. Hansen reported that most of the team has been selected for the Parent Leadership Institute sponsored by the National Parent Leadership Development Project for ICCs, which will be held in San Francisco, May 12–15, 2005. In accordance with the guidelines, the team will consist of five ICC parents, Gretchen Hester (lead contact), Ed Gold, Susan Graham and Angela McGuire and one professional, Marie Kanne Poulsen. The team is awaiting confirmation from a final parent member. At the institute, State teams will participate in training activities around diversity, reciprocal outreach, facilitation and communication methods, personal leadership styles, and the development of team plans to be implemented "back home."

ICC membership issues were discussed including the need for an inquiry into when appointments might be made by the Governor. There is no new information about appointments at this time, however, Rick Ingraham will check with DDS Office of Legislative Affairs to find out more information, if available.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Dr. Peterson reported that Cheri Schoenborn, Bob Evans, Virginia Reynolds and he represented California at the National OSEP Early Childhood Conference in Washington, D.C., which took place in early February. Keynote presenters were John

Hager, Assistant Secretary of Education and Vice Admiral Richard Carmona, the United States Surgeon General. There were many great topical presentations at the conference, including; presentations by Kathy Hebbeler and Donna Spiker from the Early Childhood Outcomes Center. Dr. Peterson noted that many states are struggling with some of the same issues that California is dealing with, however, California has an outstanding early intervention delivery system when compared to many other states.

Information was shared on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, HR 1350, which was signed into law by President Bush in December 2004. This reauthorization of the IDEA, including Part C for infants and toddlers, becomes effective July 1, 2005. Hearings to gather input for the proposed regulations were currently underway at various sites around the country. It was noted that there are many issues involving Part B, however, Part C changes are not that extensive. Although Part C changes are few, it is important that California submits input and asks questions. When the federal draft regulations are released, everyone is encouraged to review and comment as this will be the next opportunity to address proposed changes and additions to the regulations.

ICC STAFF MANAGER REPORT:

Cheri Schoenborn reviewed the meeting handouts and highlighted two articles included in the handouts. The articles were published in the November issue of the ZERO TO THREE journal. ICC community representative Diane Kellegrew was a co-author on an article about leadership development, and ICC community representative Jean Brunelli and ICC member Dr. Elaine Fogel Schneider co-authored an article on team building.

Ms. Schoenborn noted that the next ICC meeting is at the Radisson Hotel Sacramento on May 19-20, 2005. The newest member of the DDS - ICC staff team is Melissa Campos who will be responsible for processing ICC members' travel claims. All travel claims and travel questions should be directed to Ms. Campos.

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER NETWORK OF CALIFORNIA (FRCNCA) REPORT:

Linda Landry reported on the activities of the FRCNCA, which were discussed at their meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2005. The FRCNCA activities include plans for a FRC Directors' Forum to review goals and outcomes over the past six years. The meeting will also focus on reviewing the FRC handbook for the purposes of making it a valuable resource for local families, as well as assisting those families moving from one part of the state to another. The FRCNCA report is included as Attachment B.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START:

Beverly Morgan-Sandoz introduced co-presenters, RoseMary Jiles of the Los Angeles County Office of Education and Sherrie Segovia, Psy.D. of the Hope Street Family Center. Ms. Morgan-Sandoz provided a history and overview of the Head Start/Early Head Start program and statistical information that is included in Attachment C.

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Ms. Morgan-Sandoz also reported that in July 2002, the ACF, Head Start Bureau and the Department of Developmental Services entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to formalize the statewide collaboration between Early Start, Early Head Start and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start programs serving infants and toddlers birth to 36 months. The workgroup that developed the MOU consisted of representatives from DDS, CDE, Early Head Start, the State Head Start Collaboration Office, the WestEd California Early Intervention Technical Assistance Network, and the Region IX Quality Improvement Center for Disability Services.

RoseMary Jiles, from the Los Angeles Office of Education, provided information on four current examples of local Head Start/Early Head Start partnership and collaboration service models. Sherrie Segovia, Psy.D., from the Hope Street Family Resource Center in Los Angeles, described the Hope Street program at the California Hospital Medical Center in Los Angeles. The slides from their presentations are also included in Attachment C.

ACTION ITEMS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Each of the ICC Committees discussed the ICC priority areas. The Committee Chairs' reported on their Committees' work involving the priority areas and the current status of the Committees' recommendations. They also identified any issues measuring outcomes and/or implementation, and forecasted plans for the next phase in development. Additional details are contained in the standing Committees' minutes and specific work plans, which are included in the ICC meeting packet.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Nancy Sager, CDE Liaison to the ICC, reported that Parent Links has come to the end of their funding from the California Endowment. It appears that the organization, which supports infants and toddlers with a hearing loss and their parents, will not continue. A representative from Parent Links met with the FRCNCA during their Wednesday meeting to discuss ways to continue this important resource.

Lois Pastore, Community Representative, noted that her organization, the Hope Infant Family Support Program, serves four of the six Special Education Local Planning Areas in San Diego. Ms. Pastore commented on San Diego County's team approach to delivery of early intervention services. As such, she voiced her support for including the Local Education Agencies as a recipient of the Early Start monitoring report that the Department of Developmental Services sends to the regional centers following a site monitoring visit.

Lois Pastore, Community Representative, announced that the Special Education and Early Childhood Administrators' Project (SEECAP) is offering a year long leadership training that covers an interagency perspective on leadership issues in the field of special education and early education. SEECAP is very eager to develop new

leadership, especially as current leaders near retirement age. A brochure describing the training was handed out and ICC members were encouraged to consider the training and/or share the information with other aspiring leaders.

Jean Brunelli, Community Representative, announced that the Infant Development Association is sponsoring their Annual Conference, "Building for the Future", on April 21– 23, 2005 at the Westin Airport Hotel in Los Angeles. Several ICC members will be presenters at the Conference.

Debbie Sarmento, Community Representative, announced that she received a flyer from the television program "Extreme Makeover Home Edition." The producers are searching for families in need of a home remodel, who have a particularly compelling story and situation that directly affects the condition of their home. Anyone interested was advised to contact the show's producers at www.abc.com.

AGENCY REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES (DHS)

Dr. Hallie Morrow announced that through December 2004, over one million children entered through the CHDP "Gateway" by pre-enrolling in Medi-Cal. While in the Gateway, children receive Medi-Cal for the month of and the month following the pre-enrollment. At that point, Medi-Cal coverage is discontinued unless the family submits an application. Applications for only fifteen percent of these children were received by DHS. Applicant follow-through is affected by several factors, including the lack of application assistors; misunderstandings about completion of enrollment because a temporary card is received at the time of pre-enrollment; and, for undocumented families, an incorrect assumption about Medi-Cal being considered a public charge program (public charge programs require repayment before an immigrant can become a U.S. citizen). Since June 2004, 31,000 infants have been deemed eligible for Medi-Cal.

Children's Medical Services (CMS) is conducting a needs assessment as required by the federal Maternal Child and Health Bureau, as part of the Title V Block Grant. The first stakeholder meeting, held on January 27, 2005, focused on developing criteria for selecting and prioritizing issues. The next meeting, slated for the end of April, will concentrate on identifying and prioritizing issues, and developing indicators to measure progress.

CMS is also busy upgrading the CMS Net, an electronic case management system that will expand the Department's ability to issue authorizations to providers and allow providers to bill electronically. Over \$3 million has been paid to providers using the upgraded system. The goal is to have Orange, Sacramento and Los Angeles counties on the system by the end of the calendar year.

The Newborn Hearing Screening Program screened over 372,000 infants during calendar year 2004. The refer rate at the time of discharge from the hospital was 2%. Of the infants screened, 523 had an identified hearing loss. All of these children were

referred to Early Start but the program only can confirm that 43% had an IFSP. Of those with IFSPs 85% had the IFSP initiated by the time they were six months of age. Approximately 6% of the identified infants were lost to follow-up, with 50% of those due to provider non-reporting. To address this issue, DHS is offering audiology training for providers this Spring. Additionally, California is one of seventeen states participating in a physician survey of knowledge, attitudes and practices about Early Hearing Detection in Infants (EHDI). Dr. Morrow will be providing a plenary presentation at the national EHDI conference concerning the success the Newborn Hearing Screening Program has had in minimizing the "lost-to-follow-up rate."

Dr. Morrow discussed the loss of the Parent Links program. It was decided that the Family Resource Centers (FRCs) would provide parent support to the families of infants identified with a hearing loss. Training is needed for staff at the FRCs. Dr. Morrow will facilitate a meeting to discuss funding for this activity.

Dr. Morrow also reported that the Medi-Cal Redesign changes will be included in the May revision to the Governor's budget. The California Performance Review recommendations did not impact DHS. Additionally, no changes to CMS were included in the Governor's 2005 budget.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS)

Cheryl Treadwell reported that the Department is providing technical assistance to counties working on their "County Self Improvement Plan", which is part of the federal performance improvement process. The plans will identify the county's design for improvements to their social services system with an emphasis on improving their child welfare outcomes.

DSS is involved in several collaboration activities with other State departments. A meeting is scheduled with DDS to begin work on updating the Interagency Agreement. The Department is also working on a special project for deaf access and services. Ms. Treadwell reported that a review of the services provided in DSS' contracts, is underway, to determine if the department and other state programs dually serve the same children. In addition, DSS is involved in developing "Fiscal Academies", which are designed to look at funding that comes through other State departments. Currently, First 5 and ADP are involved in these sessions. The purpose of this investigation is to determine ways to collaborate around funding.

DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAMS (ADP)

Cynthia Jaynes reported that the Governor's budget did not make changes to the Department's funding levels. The next opportunity for any budget changes will be in the May Revision of the Governor's budget.

Plans are underway for the Department's substance abuse treatment conference, to be held at the Sacramento Convention Center, May 4-6, 2005. The conference focus/title is Research to Policy, Shaping the Future of Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services. ADP is working with Dr. Marty Jessup, to ensure fetal alcohol syndrome

(FAS) information is included in the workshop dealing with women's health issues. This will be an opportunity to educate program directors and policymakers on early identification of babies with FAS.

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH (DMH)

Luis Zanartu reported that the Department continues to focus on implementing the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). The website (www.dmh.cahwnet.gov/MHSA) provides a wealth of information on the stakeholder process and other information. Counties are currently working on their plans for developing a planning strategy for use of the MHSA funds. After Departmental approval, the county will receive funds to implement their planning process. Counties are required to use funds for services to "under-served" populations, especially those where no other programs exist. It was noted that the counties are primarily focused on the chronic mentally ill; however, as each county develops their plan, there is an opportunity for the county to determine additional populations that are "under-served." County work groups and public hearings provide opportunities for involvement. Please see the DMH website for contact information for the local MHSA county coordinators.

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGED HEALTH CARE (DMHC)

Ed Foulk, the new DMHC representative, was welcomed. Mr. Foulk reported that DMHC has a toll-free telephone help line (1-888-HMO-2219), which may be used by the public for questions and concerns regarding managed care plans. The DMHC is scrutinizing so called "Discount Health Plans." Some of these plans are falsely promising huge discounts on medical care and are preying upon vulnerable Californians desperate for affordable alternatives to high health-care insurance. These discount plans convince consumers to buy a "membership" which claims to give discounted services from a network of participating medical providers. The Department has found that some consumers are being misled as many of the doctors and other providers of health care services on the provider list know nothing of this discount health plan and do not accept the membership cards. Consumers should be aware that discount plans are not insurance and they still must pay all of the medical bills. Interested persons are encouraged to visit the DMHC website (www.dmhc.ca.gov) for additional information.

LEAD AGENCY – DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES (DDS)

Rick Ingraham announced that the current edition of the "DDS Fact Book" is available on the Department's website (www.dds.ca.gov). The Fact Book contains pertinent data about individuals served by DDS and it includes an overview of services and growth trends in California.

Mr. Ingraham also announced several training opportunities. DDS and the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine, are co-sponsoring a conference focused on improving the expertise of pediatric health practitioners and medical schools regarding issues of children with special needs. The conference curriculum attempts to weave information on developmental delays and disabilities along with typical development, as a way of acquainting all attendees with special needs issues. Mr. Ingraham also highlighted pages 203 to 206 of the February ICC packet as a resource for information

about a variety of training events. Additionally, DDS conducts training with all of the University of California medical schools and is able to offer this partnership as a resource to assist in development of curriculum for local training events for physicians and health practitioners. Interested persons may contact DDS.

Current information about the federal funding indicates a potential decrease in Early Intervention allocations for California's budget in fiscal year 2006-07. Regarding the State Budget, many programs in the Governor's 2005-06 Budget are slated for reductions. At first look, it appears that as a service system, the regional centers fared well. The face value may be deceptive, however, as the budget also appears to require cost shifts that will strain the regional centers as they provide the safety net for consumers while budget issues are resolved.

The Department continues to focus on autism. Dr. Ron Huff organized a Northern California Learning Collaborative, which provides professionals with an opportunity to meet to identify issues and develop ideas for necessary training curriculum. The collaborative, which includes physicians and other stakeholders, is then able to meet with university faculty to develop practice protocols. DDS is currently drafting a work plan to develop best practice guidelines for intervention. The many different approaches on how to treat autism make this a challenging endeavor.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (CDE)

Jim Bellotti reported that the CDE website has been updated. Special items of interest include links to: Supplemental Update to the California Special Education Programs: A Composite of Law; State and Federal Legislative Updates; and the Governor's Proposed Budget for 2005-06 (Special Education and Related Items).

Mr. Bellotti noted that HR 1350, the bill that reauthorizes the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was signed in to law on December 3, 2004. The CDE, Special Education Division is sponsoring training regarding HR 1350 in Sacramento on April 21-22, 2005. Art Cernosia, a nationally recognized expert on special education law, will conduct the training. More information about the training can be found at the Special Education website (www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se). In addition, it is important to note that the Highly Qualified Teacher provisions of the IDEA went into effect when the law was signed. These provisions require all special education teachers to have a clear special education certificate plus core competencies in the subjects that they teach by the conclusion of the 2005-2006 school year. The Department continues to seek clarity on numerous provisions contained in the legislation. Information and current legislation affecting state and federal special education law is included in Attachment D.

The Governor's Budget includes an increase of approximately \$170 million in Proposition 98 funds and approximately \$128 million in federal funds that are earmarked for special education. The Governor's Budget also includes a slight increase (\$4 million) for Early Education Program Services.

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The Department is participating in several collaborative activities with other State departments. Staff participated with the Department of Developmental Services in conducting full-scope monitoring reviews of San Andreas and Tri-Counties Regional Centers. The Interagency Agreement with the Department of Health Services is underway and has been submitted to DHS for review and negotiation. CDE is also working with the Department of Mental Health state-level collaborative on Proposition 63 and is focusing on early identification and prevention activities.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A

STAFF AND OTHERS ATTENDING ICC GENERAL MEETING

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Brigitte Ammons
Zelna Banks
Jean Brunelli
Fran Chasen
Terry Colborn
Kathleen A. Colvin
Toni Doman
Edward Gold
Susan Graham
Julie Kingsley
Linda Landry
Kat Lowrance
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Robin Millar
Lois Pastore
Kristine Pilkington
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Julie McIntyre, DSS
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Catharine Mikitka
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Debra Merchant
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Rosa King, DDS
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Dennis Self, DDS
Pat Widmann, DDS

**Family Resource Centers Network of California
FRCNCA
September to November Report to the
Interagency Coordinating Council
February 25, 2005**

The Family Support Demonstration Project grant from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) continues to support the majority of the Family Resource Centers Network of California's meetings over the past three months. The FRCNCA Steering Committee met three times face-to-face since the last ICC meeting. These meetings have been devoted to strategic planning. The FRCNCA Strategic Plan will be completed in April 2005.

A full FRCNCA meeting was held on February 23, 2005 and updated FRCNCA Bylaws were accepted by the membership.

The FRC Conference, *Children are the Golden Threads that Weave Our Lives Together*, will be held next week (February 28th and March 1st) in San Jose. A Directors' Forum will be held on February 27th. The foundations of a *FRC Handbook* will be developed at this meeting. With the support of the scholarships, we anticipate a large attendance. Regional Reps have been asked to make contact with their FRCs to answer questions and facilitate attendance.

Potential transition funding sources continue to be explored by the FRCNCA Task Force and Coordinator in order to support FRCNCA meetings and activities in the gap between the completion of the ADD Family Support Planning Grant and the ADD Implementation Grant.

The FRCNCA Chair, Linda Landry, was appointed as a member of the California Family Resource Association Board of Directors.

ATTACHMENT C

HEAD START / EARLY HEAD START

Overview and Statistics

ICC Presentation on February 25, 2005

Beverley Morgan-Sandoz

Member State ICC

Los Angeles County Office of Education

Head Start/Early Head Start/State Preschool Program

Head Start/Early Head Start is a federally funded child development program for very low-income young children and their families. Since the inception of Head Start in 1965, more than 20 million children and families nationally have benefited from the program's comprehensive services.

Early Head Start, a program that targets services to pregnant women, infants and toddlers and their families originated in 1994, in response to a report from the Advisory Committee on Services for Families with Infants and Toddlers. Early Head Start is funded by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), which provides funds directly to local community agencies and institutions. The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), a division within DHHS, provides oversight of the program through nine regional offices. Families qualify for the program based on income (federal poverty standards), although up to ten percent of families enrolled, may exceed these income standards. Both Head Start and Early Head Start philosophy rests on the following principles:

1. A child can benefit most from comprehensive, interdisciplinary programs that foster normal development and remedy problems;
2. Parents are the primary educators of their children and must be directly involved in their programs;
3. The well being of children is inextricably linked to the well being of the entire family.
4. Partnerships with other agencies and organizations in the community are essential to meeting family needs.

The Head Start Performance Standards, which set forth the programmatic requirements for the operation of both Head Start and Early Head Start, require that ten percent of Head Start/Early Head Start enrollment opportunities be set aside for children with special needs. For children 3 to 5, the Standards define special needs or disabilities and specify that an Individualized Education Plan is required before a determination of special needs is made. For infants and toddlers, the Standards rely on the individual states' Part C plan for determining special needs. An Individualized Family Service Plan is required for determination of special needs for this age group.

- The Administration for Children and Families funds 63 community agencies and organizations to provide Head Start and/or Early Head Start services in California
- 90,846 children ages 3 to 5 are served by Head Start
- 7,602 children ages 0 to 3 are served by Early Head Start
- 5,162 children (0 to 5 are served in Migrant and Seasonal Head Start programs
- 838 children are served in tribal programs

The number of children with disabilities served in Head Start and Early Head Start:

- 12% of children served (10,902) in Head Start and Early Head Start are identified as having special needs
- 73% of these children have speech and language disabilities

The Los Angeles County Office of Education serves 842 infants and toddlers in its Early Head Start Program, of these children:

- 10% (85) are identified as having a developmental delay or disability;
- 2% (14) have an established risk; and
- 3% (26) are at risk

Delays can include mental retardation and autism. However, per Part C of the IDEA, the criterion for eligibility does not require that there be a more specific diagnosis. Established risk pertains to infants born prematurely, etc. Finally, the “at risk” category relates to infants who may be at risk of developing a disability based on prenatal history (drug or alcohol) exposure or who have a family history of disabilities.

Following are slides presented by:

RoseMary Jiles, Infant Toddler Specialist
Los Angeles County Office of Education
Head Start/Early Head Start/State Preschool Program

And

Sherrie Segovia, Psy.D.
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